

CLAIMS

1. A method for providing media to a user via an interactive media services client device coupled to a programmable media services server device, said method comprising steps of:
- 5 receiving user input requesting on-screen comments be provided with a media presentation;
- providing the user with a media presentation; and
- providing the user with comments related to the media presentation.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the comments are selected from a group consisting of:
- director comments, producer comments, actor comments, and viewer comments.
- 15 3. The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of:
- prior to the step of receiving said user input, prompting the user for user input.
- 20 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the media presentation is a movie.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein the movie is a video-on-demand movie.
6. The method of claim 5, wherein the user determines the type of comments by selecting an option displayed on a display device.
- 25 7. The method of claim 6, wherein the user selects the displayed option by activating a button on a remote control device.
8. The method of claim 7, wherein the display device is a television screen.
- 30 9. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
- after the step of providing the user with a media presentation, receiving comments from the user related to the media presentation.

10. The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of:
after the step of receiving comments from the user related to the media presentation, providing at least a portion of said comments to another user.

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11. An interactive media services client device for presenting media to a user coupled to a programmable media services server device, said client device comprising:
- 5 memory; and
- a processor coupled to the memory and configured to provide a user with a media presentation and comments related to the media presentation in response to user input.
12. The client device of claim 11, wherein the comments are not an inherent part of the media presentation.
- 10 13. The client device of claim 12, wherein the comments are selected from a group consisting of:
- director comments, producer comments, actor comments, and viewer comments.
- 15 14. The client device of claim 13, wherein the type of comments is responsive to user input.
15. The client device of claim 14, wherein the media presentation is a video-on-demand movie.
- 20 16. The client device of claim 15, wherein the user provides user input via a remote control device.
17. The client device of claim 16, wherein the media presentation is displayed on a television screen.
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18. An interactive media services client device for presenting media to a user coupled to a programmable media services server device, said client device comprising:
memory; and
5 means connected to the memory for providing a user with a media presentation and comments related to said media presentation in response to user input.
19. The client device of claim 18, wherein the comments are not an inherent part of
10 the media presentation.
20. The client device of claim 19, wherein the comments are selected from a group consisting of:
director comments, producer comments, actor comments, and viewer
15 comments.
21. The client device of claim 20, wherein the type of comments is responsive to user input.
22. The client device of claim 21, wherein the media presentation is a video-on-demand movie.
23. The client device of claim 22, wherein the user provides user input via a remote control device.
- 25 24. The client device of claim 23, wherein the media presentation is displayed on a television screen.

25. A programmable media services server device for presenting media to a user via an interactive media services client device, said server device comprising:

memory; and

a processor connected to the memory and configured to provide a user with a media presentation and comments related to said media presentation in response to user input.

26. The server device of claim 25, wherein the comments are not an inherent part of the media presentation.

27. The server device of claim 26, wherein the comments are selected from a group consisting of:

director comments, producer comments, actor comments, and viewer comments.

28. The server device of claim 27, wherein the type of comments is responsive to user input.

29. The server device of claim 28, wherein the media presentation is a video-on-demand movie.

30. The server device of claim 29, wherein the user provides user input via a remote control device.

31. The server device of claim 30, wherein the media presentation is displayed on a television screen.

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